

TOWN OF LYONS, NEW YORK
OPPOSING LPG STORAGE ADJACENT
TO SENECA LAKE

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Lyons recognizes the importance of the Finger Lakes water shed as a whole and specifically Seneca Lake to the State, Region and local communities; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Lyons Town Board that a plan has been proposed for storage of LPG and other Carbon based fuels in large quantities in unlined abandoned salt caverns, adjacent to and beneath the shores of Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Lyons Town Board is keenly aware of the role played by Seneca Lake in providing drinking water for over 100 thousand residents in the Finger Lakes Region, its designation as a scenic by-way, its role as a recreational asset and in promotion of area tourism and the burgeoning Wine and Brewing Industry as well as its importance to the fish and wildlife of the Finger Lakes area; and

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the Lyons Town Board that a specific site, Well 58, proposed for such storage had previously been plugged and abandoned by the prior owner, New York State Electric and Gas Corp. and deemed no longer appropriate for storage of the type proposed by the current owner; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is deeply concerned with reports of the failure of structures of the same type being suggested for such storage at Seneca Lake due to earth tremors of the same severity sometimes experienced in up-state New York as well as reports of leakage in similar structures that are neither designed nor built specifically for the purpose proposed; and

WHEREAS, catastrophic consequences to the Lake and the Finger Lakes Water Shed would be unavoidable in the event of a similar event taking place at the proposed storage site; and

WHEREAS, the Lyons Town Board is aware that the Department of Environmental Conservation has expressed similar concerns over such site failures both here and at other similar facilities around the country; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lyons joins Senator Michael Nozzolio and many other Finger Lakes regional municipalities in respectfully requesting that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation deny approval of the permit for the storage of LP Gas adjacent to or under Seneca Lake and exercise its power in assisting in the determination of a more appropriate location for such a storage site outside the Finger Lakes Watershed.

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